

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH October 28, 2008

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

The Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District School Committee held a meeting on this date at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr. – Sr. High School Library. Members present were Susan DeSack, Chairperson; Gregory Coutcher, Clerk; Frank Maher; Mary Walsh; William Munroe; and Robert Bollengier. Teri Cicero, Vice Chairperson was absent from Open Session and was present for Executive Session. She arrived at 7:34 p.m. Superintendent Thomas J. Geismar; Director of Administration Robert V. Ross; Director of Curriculum Nancy I. Daley; and Director of Special Services Carmella Farrar were present. Student Member Katherine Matook was absent.

ORDER – Chair DeSack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and Member Maher read the District Mission Statement.

OPEN FORUM – None

PRESENTATION – Student Member Report – None

ROUTINE ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA – Superintendent Geismar gave an overview of the Consent Agenda and introduced the

candidates brought forward this evening for hire.

Member Maher requested to pull consent agenda item, Regular Minutes of October 14, 2008.

Dr. Geismar answered Member Bollengier's clarifying question regarding Home School Approvals.

Referencing the Regular Minutes of October 14, 2008, Member Maher pointed out a typographical error concerning the date mentioned on the bottom of page 2. The date should be corrected to read June 2009 instead of June 2008.

After reviewing a response e-mail he received from District Treasurer Kathleen LaCroix regarding consent agenda item, Bills, Member Bollengier asked for clarification pertaining to expenditure vendor Rossi Auto Care. Director of Administration Robert Ross confirmed that tires were replaced on a 2003 GMC Pick-Up Truck. He said that the report's description of a 2007 GMC Pick-Up Truck is a typographical error.

Member Maher made a motion to accept the consent agenda with the typographical error corrections. Seconded by Member Munroe. Voted 6 – 0.

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The following items were approved:

A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Minutes of October 14, 2008

B. Personnel Items

1. Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent) (No change to FTE's)

a. Cheryl Lagergren as .5 FTE Teacher Assistant/Recess Aide at Metcalf School, Step 1, Grade 3, Annual Salary \$8,524.80; effective on or about October 29, 2008

b. Rochelle Langford as .5 FTE Teacher Assistant/Recess Aide at Metcalf School, Step 1, Grade 3, Annual Salary \$8,524.80; effective on or about October 29, 2008

c. Dwayne LaBrie as Jr. High School Wrestling Coach, Stipend \$ 2,725.19, effective for the 2008/09 season

2. Leaves of Absence

3. Resignations

4. Grievances

5. Recalls

6. Non-Renewals

7. Sabbaticals

C. Bills – In the amount of \$449,046.27

D. Home School Approvals

- 1. BUCKLEY – Taylor Nicholas, Alexandra, Zachary**
- 2. BUCKLEY – John, Christiana**
- 3. FRIEL – Nathan**
- 4. BURGESS – Patrick, Morgan**
- 5. CURRY – Trenton**
- 6. GREENE – Kyle, Rachel, Stephanie, Jaclyn**
- 7. GREENE – Kelsey Nicolette, Courtney, Hannah, Mason, Noah**
- 8. PARENTEAU – Tyler**
- 9. DALLAS – Safiatu Bah**
- 10. HATHAWAY – Peter, Aidan, Lillian, Grace, Georgia, Harold, Amanda**

End Consent Agenda

Members did not express any questions or concerns regarding Correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE – (1) October 22, 2008 Memorandum from Superintendent Geismar to School Committee Members Regarding Records Request; (2) October 22, 2008 Memorandum from Director of Administration Robert Ross to School Committee members Regarding Follow-up items from October 14, 2008 School Committee Meeting

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT(S) - Maintenance – Chair DeSack pointed out that this item was brought back at Member Bollengier's

request. Superintendent Geismar reported that both the girls' and boys' locker rooms have been corrected. Also, Director

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of Maintenance Bill Plumley will get a quote to refurbish the boys' lockers. Member Bollengier mentioned that another issue has been brought to his attention and requested to inform the Superintendent about it. Since the item is not related to the locker room issues, Chair DeSack asked Member Bollengier to speak to Superintendent Geismar outside of the meeting. She said that if after speaking with Dr. Geismar Member Bollengier needs to, he can bring the item to a future agenda.

NEW BUSINESS – Policies – Review and Adoption - #6313: Hiring Non-Certified Employees – 1st Reading – Members did not express any questions or concerns regarding Policy #6313 at this time.

#6310: Recruiting, Selecting, and Appointing Teaching Staff – 1st Reading – Members did not express any questions or concerns regarding Policy #6310 at this time.

Member Bollengier reverted back to Policy #6313 and asked why a 1st Reading date of 8/12/2008 is indicated. Chair DeSack said that Administration will seek clarification and bring the answer to the next meeting.

Director of Administration Robert Ross brought his observation to members' attention. He referenced section V. Interview and Selection Process of Policy # 6310 and requested that policy subcommittee members look at Article 9 .10 of the TA CBA.

#6312: Filling Administration Vacancies – Amendment – Members did not express any questions or concerns regarding Policy # 6312 at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – High School New Graduation Requirements-Letter to RIDE – Superintendent Geismar said that there has not been a written response yet from the RI Department of Education. A team from the district attended a meeting yesterday regarding the K – 12 system. Indications at the meeting were that the date of 2012 will not change. Dr. Geismar said that he anticipates the district will receive something in writing from RIDE soon.

Member Bollengier referenced Policy #6312 and pointed out that it is brought forward tonight for amendment. He questioned if the Committee is required to vote on this item. Chair DeSack reverted back to agenda item, VI. A. 3., #6312: Filling Administration Vacancies – Amendment.

Member Bollengier made a motion to accept Policy #6312 as amended. Seconded by Member Maher. Voted 6 – 0.

Town of Exeter-Request for Reimbursement – Chair DeSack reported that the District received an electric service company bill from the Town of Exeter for installation of the emergency generator at Metcalf School, which the Committee approved on April 10,

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2008 at 50%, not to exceed \$7,500. The total bill is in the amount of \$14,999.10. Chair DeSack then advised members that a second item concerning the installation is that an electrical box was replaced. This is an unanticipated cost because the facility was not ready to receive power. Director of Administration Robert Ross reported that the only bill received by his office from the Town of Exeter was for \$1,030.00 for work performed by National Grid for clearing a pole. In response to Member Walsh's inquiry, Mr. Ross said that the \$4,000.00 invoice mentioned by Chair DeSack in the October 14, 2008 regular minutes was incorrect. The invoice was for \$1,030.00. Member Walsh voiced her opinion that if the cost belongs to the District, the District should pay the invoice.

Member Walsh made a motion to pay \$1,030.00 for the box.

Member Walsh asked for clarification if the payment will be made to National Grid.

Chair DeSack advised that this item will carry over to the next meeting agenda so the Committee can have documentation to review. Chair DeSack asked Administration to seek an explanation from National Grid as to if the District did not have to install a generator, was the electrical box still needed. In response to Member Maher's inquiry, Chair DeSack said that the \$4,000.00 mentioned in the October 14, 2008 regular minutes was a misquote. She said that she had recollected the amount incorrectly. Member Walsh withdrew her motion.

Capital Project Update – Superintendent Geismar reported one issue with a leak in the Jr. – Sr. High School roof that the roofing company is investigating. He said that Metcalf's gymnasium floor will be ready for use on November 5, 2008. The work on the gymnasium entryways and traffic patterns will begin the 5th and will be completed in only one week. The existing doors will no longer be accessible except as fire doors. He said that he and Director of Maintenance Bill Plumley met with Youth Hoops representatives to explain the new entrance and exit procedures and the rules. The remaining work will be done on off hours and workers will have Background Criminal Investigations done. Principal Boyce and Vice Principal Fish are aware of the new traffic patterns. Chair DeSack said that the Building Committee will begin looking at planning phase 2. Mr. Ross reported that the Building Committee hired a commissioning agent. The \$49,000 proposal was negotiated which resulted in a \$9,000 reduction to the initial bid. As required by the RI Department of Education, Luis

Torrado will hire an educational planner as a consultant to Torrado Architect. Chair DeSack said that the Building Committee plans to look at the shape of all bathrooms in the District and to see if renovations can be moved up over the holiday break.

REPORTS/COMMENTS –

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IMPORTANT DATES AND MEETINGS – Wednesday, November 5, 2008-Building Committee Meeting; WEDNESDAY, November 12, 2008-School Committee Meeting; Wednesday, November 19, 2008-Building Committee Meeting; Tuesday, November 25, 2008-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, December 9, 2008-School Committee Meeting

Chair DeSack reminded members that elections are next week and the next School Committee meeting is on a Wednesday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – RIGL 42-46-4 AND RIGL 42-46-5 – Member Maher moved to go into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. in accordance with 42 -46-5 (a)(2) – Council-94 CBA Ratification vote. Seconded by Clerk Coutcher. Voted 6 – 0 in favor.

Meeting recessed to Executive Session at 7:34p.m.

→Member Walsh moved to reconvene to Open Session. Seconded by Member Bollengier. Voted 7 – 0 in favor.

Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 7:49 p.m.

A 7 – 0 vote was taken during Executive Session to ratify the collective bargaining agreements with council 94 dated 9/1/2008-8/31/2009 and 9/1/2009-8/31/2012.

ADJOURNMENT – Member Walsh moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Member Bollengier. Voted 7 – 0 in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.

ROBIN CERIO

CLERK